GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5278
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TREE PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and category of different trees planted in the country including the total area covered by them during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(b) the targets fixed for plantation of trees for 2001-2002;

(c) the estimated funds to be spent for the purpose;

(d) whether there is a sharp decline in some of the trees` stocks particularly teak; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to increase the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) Under the Twenty Point Programme, targets for afforestation and tree planting are fixed annually in terms of seedling distribution for planting on private lands and area coverage through afforestation on public lands, including forest lands. Achievements of tree planting/afforestation made under Twenty Point Programme during 1997-2001 are given in Annexure. Species planted are decided by the implementing agencies keeping in view the local climatic and edaphic conditions. Plantation of indigenous species is encouraged.

(b) & (c) Annual targets for the Twenty Point Programme are fixed as per availability of funds under the relevant Central and State Plan Schemes. Targets for 2001-02 will be fixed accordingly.

(d) & (e) System of stock taking of trees in the forests has not been developed by any State in the country. The information about tree stocks is, therefore, not available either with the States or the Centre.

Annexure in respect of part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5278 due on 23.4.2001 regarding Tree Plantation

Achievements of Tree Planting Activities under Twenty Point Programme (TPP) during 1997-2001

Seedlings in lakhs/Area in hectares

Achievements (1997-98)		Achievements (1998-99)		Achievements (99-2000)		Achievements@ (2000-01)	
Seedling Distribution+	Area++	Seedling Distribution+	Area++	Seedling Distribution+	Area++	Seedling Distribution+	Area++
10335.63	965638.15	9377.86	1105275.67	11814.13	1424214.29	8505.39	757052.55

\+ Seedling Distribution: for planting on private lands - under Point No. 16A of the TPP.
++ Area: coverage on public lands including forest lands - under Point No. 16B of the TPP.
@ Progress Reports from all States and Union Territories have not been received.